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Janardhana Reddy ARRESTED

Mining baron held for Rs. 23 crore Ponzi Scam unearthed by Enforcement Directorate

Bengaluru, Nov.11 (UNI)- Ballari's mining baron and former BJP Minister Gali Janardhana Reddy, who was questioned for hours in an alleged bribery case last evening, has been arrested this morning by the Central Crime Branch (CCB) sleuths, sources said. The former Minister in B.S. Yeddyurappa's Government has spent three years in jail and is currently out on bail.

Reddy was arrested by CCB which is investigating into the Rs.23 crore Ponzi Scam unearthed by Enforcement Directorate after a raid on Ambidant Marketing Private Ltd. in Ballari in 2017. Reddy was subjected to medical test by the authorities and will be produced before a Magistrate seeking his custody for further questioning.

Forty-nine-year-old Reddy, who was elusive for about four days, appeared before the CCB for questioning last evening and he was grilled by the officials for more than six hours since then in connection with he (Reddy) allegedly receiving 57 kg of gold worth about Rs.18 crore and Rs.2 crore in cash for rescuing Ambidant company from Enforcement Directorate.

Reddy's application for anticipatory bail was posted for hearing to Monday by a Court after asking his Lawyers "if he was innocent why he is not appearing before the CCB." His close aide Ali Khan was also arrested by CCB along with him. Ali Khan was alleged to be the king pin through whom the gold was purchased from Raj Mahal Jewellers.

The Police had formed special teams to trace Reddy and others involved in the Ponzi scheme in which some 15,000 people were allegedly cheated out of their investments after they were offered high returns.

Coming just days after the BJP's crushing defeat in the by-election to the Ballari Lok Sabha constituency, the new case against Reddy adds to the party's troubles when the 2019 Lok Sabha election is only months away.

The BJP candidate (Shantha), who lost the Ballari Parliamentary seat is the sister of B. Sriramulu, a party MLA and a close associate of Reddy. Despite BJP's clumsy efforts to distance itself from the mining mafia, it is common knowledge that Reddy is a key wheeler-dealer of the party in the State.

Though BJP National President Amit Shah publicly disowned Reddy during the May 2018 Assembly election, the party relied on him heavily.

Reddy himself was not given a party ticket, but eight of his family and friends were. They included Sriramulu, who was even tipped to become BJP's Deputy Chief Minister if the party won the election.

KSRTC drivers barred from carrying mobiles on duty

Rule to be implemented in Bengaluru from Nov.15; Mysuru has already enforced the rule along with stringent checks

Bengaluru/ Mysuru, Nov.11 (MTY&BCT)- Beginning Nov.15, Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) drivers are banned from carrying mobile phones while on duty. BMTC officials said drivers should keep their cellphones in lockers at their respective depots before getting behind the wheel. Violation of the rule will result in suspension.

While Bengaluru is set to implement such a rule in another five days, similar rule has already been implemented in Mysuru where KSRTC drivers have been strictly told not to use cellphones while driving. "We implemented the system in Mysuru one year back and we conduct frequent checks to enforce the rule and our drivers do not use mobile phones while driving," said K.H. Srinivas, KSRTC Divisional Controller, who heads the city operations of KSRTC.

"Henceforth, we will conduct stringent checks and will intensify our drive against usage of mobile phones by drivers behind the wheels," he added.

(See KSRTC on page 9)

All-night Manteswamy folk event pulls crowds

A night-long traditional folk music programme organised for the first time at Kalamandira in city last night by Department of Kannada and Culture on local folk heroes Manteswamy and Male Madeshwara drew huge response. The programme concluded this morning after the artistes were served breakfast. To keep the audience awake all through the night, snacks were served every hour. Also, sumptuous dinner was arranged with holige, payasam, rice and sambar. *[Report on page 7]*

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Desi games and rangoli competition on Nov. 25

Mysuru, Nov.11 (SR)- Manvanthara Samooha Balaga has organised indigenous (desi) games and rangoli competition as part of Canara Bank Founder's Day on Nov. 25 at 10 am at the premises of Bhagini Seva Samaja in city.

The Balaga has been conducting such games since 13 years as part of its promotional activities. This year, it has included rangoli art competetion. Interested can take part in the contest.

Vangipura Mutt Seer Sri Ilai Alwar Swamiji will grace the inaugural programme. Mysuru District Journalists Association President C.K. Mahendra will inaugurate the celebrations. Vipra Samaja leader K. Raghuram will preside. Hare Srinivas Samithi President H.K. Gunduvenkateshkumar will distribute prizes to the winners of the competition.

Canara Bank Chief Manager Ramesh Sharma and Genius Pre-University College Principal Surekha Prabhu will be the chief guests. For details and registration, interested may contact Mob: 95385-22053, according to a press release.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

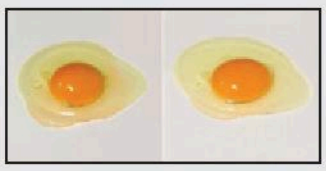
EMPTY NESTS AND EMPTY NEST EGGS: ***A Civil servant I know, retired in Kolkata, has been sitting and biting his nails all the way up in Noida for many months now. He is trying to sell a flat he purchased in the building-boom a decade ago to buy a home for his twilight years. Even at 20 percent loss on his investment, he cannot find a buyer. His daughter, a midcareer Noida resident, is also stuck. Her husband and she took out a loan to buy a small flat, hoping the rental, once the mortgage was over, would supplement their income. Months later, the flat is vacant. They can't find a suitable tenant, even at a discount.***

In many parts of the country, and glaringly so in the National Capital Region (NCR), the empty nest-and-empty-nest egg story is a painful boom-to-bust saga. Inter-generationally, among the old and the young, it is hitting pockets hard, in a linked chain of debt-laden banks, corrupt politicians and builder mafias and disastrous government policies — from inflated land acquisition prices to heavy stamp duties, often higher than prevailing market rates. According to some estimates, there may be as many as 200,000 housing units in Delhi-NCR either lagging years behind delivery dates or languishing for want of buyers or tenants. That figure is not exaggerated when the headline-grabbing Amrapali group alone has short-changed about 42,000 homeowners and gone down with a debt of 40 billion rupees to banks and other institutions.

—Sunil Sethi in Business Standard

NEWS SPARKLERS

Which is the real egg?



Tokyo: A Japanese artist, who recently posted a picture of a hyper-realistic painting of a raw egg next to a photo of a real egg, has challenged his social media followers to find out which was the real onen and most of them couldn't tell the difference.

Yas is a master of hyperrealistic painting, who spends hours trying to get every detail of his artworks just right to the point where most people cannot tell them apart from photos of actual things. He can draw various things, from cross-sections of fruits and vegetables, to ice-creams and cocktails, but his most impressive work yet has to be this raw egg done in acrylic that perfectly resembles a photo of a raw egg.

According to his Instagram, he spent four hours a day painting it and it took him several days to complete, but the result is pretty impressive. I for one couldn't tell which one was the painting and which was the photo, and apparently neither could most of his fans.

Boy reaches celebrity status by posing as a girl

Phang-Nga: A 12-year-old boy named Nes from Thailand's Phang-Nga province has managed to reach celebrity status and make enough money to build his family a new house by showing off his makeup and posing as a girl.

Nes reportedly started playing with his mother's makeup at a very young age, but instead of discouraging him, his parents not only supported his hobby, but also started giving him tips.

Today, the 12-year-old boy has over 2,80,000 fans on Instagram alone and is able to support his family by posting makeup tutorials and photos of himself cross-dressing as a girl on the popular photo sharing platform.

He recently made news headlines all over Asia after posting a photo of the new house he managed to build for his parents.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

What is a natural alternative to drugs in treating ADHD?

Omega fatty acids, specifically fish oil and evening primrose oil, and zinc are effective at reducing ADHD symptoms. ADHD sufferers frequently have trouble sleeping. Melatonin, chamomile and lavender may be of benefit in alleviating symptoms of sleep disorders.

** Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

Brahmin convention at Ganapathy Ashrama

Calling volunteers, seeking photos of community achievers for expo

Mysuru, Nov.11 (SR)- A photo exhibition titled *Vipra Nakshatra Maale* of outstanding personalities of Brahmin community in the district will be held as part of the two-day mega Brahmin convention scheduled to be held on Dec.15 and 16 at Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashrama on Ooty Road in city.

Relatives and well-wishers of such outstanding personalities are requested to send their A-4 size photo along with details of their achievements, date of birth, typed on a paper (not hand-written). These details must be sent to the Office of the Convention, #2870, Vajranakha, I Main Road, 3rd Cross, behind Vidyaranya Hospital, Chamundipuram, Mysuru-4 before Nov. 20.

Photos will be displayed under the theme '*Vipra Nakshatra Maale*' remembering the contributions of great personalities of the community. For details contact the Organiser Venkataram Kashyap on Mob: 95385-22053 or office Mob: 63638-69292, stated a press release.

Register for convention

As part of the two-day convention, the organisers will be conducting a series of programmes. As about 30,000 community people are expected to participate, the organisers need more volunteers for the event. The community people living across the city and district may register as volunteers at the Conventiom Office in Chamundipuram, according to a press release from Organising General Secretary M.V. Ramprasad.

Talents Day of Tulu Shivalli Madhwa Brahmins held

Mysuru, Nov.11 (SR)- A talents day for both members of Tulu Shivalli Madhwa Brahmins Federation and for their children was held at Sri Krishnadhama in Saraswathipuram here recently.

The events were held in different categories — for children below 14, those below 24 and above 25 years — classical and western dance, classical music, devotional songs, cinema and light music contest.

As many as 43 children below 14 years, 9 youths below 23 and 44 persons above 25 years participated. The Federation will distribute prizes to the winners during the annual day to be held in January. President of the Federation M.K. Puranik, Ravishastri, Indrani, Sowmya Rani and Jyothi Hegde were the judges of the contests.

Really...?

- ***Almost 85% of the ancient city of Petra in Jordan that was built as early as the second century lies underground, posing as a mystery to many. It has hundreds of houses, altars, and a theatre that could hold up to 3,000 people in the 15% that has been discovered.***

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Teacher: *Little Johnny, MAY I go to the bathroom?*
Little Johnny: *But I asked first !!*

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1 US Dollar	= Rs. 72.48
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 94.06
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 19.73
1 Euro	= Rs. 82.17

VOICE OF THE READER

Hampi Express & Gol Gumbaz Express: A suggestion

Sir,

Train numbers 16535/36 Gol Gumbaz-Solapur via Hubballi and 16592/91 to Hubballi via Guntakal form an excellent connectivity from Mysuru to travel to North Karnataka. Many passengers including foreign tourists are finding this train convenient as it provides a direct connection from Mysuru to Badami, the historic Chalukyan Capital town connected by Gol Gumbaz Express and also to the UNESCO World Heritage Site at Hampi connected through Hosapete by Hampi Express.

It is given to understand that both Hampi Express and Gol Gumbaz Express run with a combined rake sharing arrangement with 4 rakes each in both the directions. Thus the coach composition remains unchanged throughout the journey consisting of over nine sleeper coaches, three AC 3 tier coaches, one AC 2 tier and one composite First AC and AC 2 tier coach.

Presently for the First AC coach quota from Mysuru consists of just 2 and 4 berths for both Hampi Express and Golgumbaz Express respectively owing to composite coach arrangement. It should be noted that a composite coach for trains that run on long distances does not serve any purpose and is of little help especially when there is great demand to travel by senior citizens and tourists.

As both of these trains have gained popularity of connecting to Badami and Hampi directly from Mysuru, it is high time that the Railway authorities take an immediate decision to replace the current 12 berth First AC composite coach with a complete 18 berth First AC coach in both the trains.

—S.D. Varun

Bengaluru 30.10.2018

St. Philos signs MoU with CIPET for academic exchanges

Mysuru, Nov.11 (KS)- St. Philomena's College has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Central Institute of Plastic Engineering Technology (CIPET), Mysuru, for academic exchanges to enhance their collaborative projects/ activities recently. This initiative was taken up under the auspices of Chemistry Department of the College.

The MoU is also intended to recognise the general basis for a collaborative working relationship between the two institutions in education, training and technical cooperation in chemistry related topics and have agreed to jointly undertake internship programmes for chemistry students, faculty development programmes for the faculty of chemistry, project works, in-plant training, academic curriculum development and referral of chemistry students to pursue higher education plastic processing and moulding technology.

The said MoU was signed by R.T. Nagaralli, Director and Head and Suman, Administrative Officer of CIPET-CSTS and Dr. T. Ruth Shantha Kumari, College Principal and Rev. Dr. Bernard Prakash Barnis, Rector/ Manager of the institution.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Ruth Shantha Kumari said that the signing of the MoU was a defining moment for both the institutes and such partnership will facilitate the institutes in achieving larger goals of self-reliance. She also called upon the staff of the college to be motivated from this and put efforts to enter into agreements with other reputed institutions.

R.T. Nagaralli, the Director/ Head of CIPET-CSTS, gave a brief introduction of CIPET-CSTS institute through power point presentation and urged the staff to motivate the students to take up skilled training in the form of internship, project work etc.

Dr. Ravi J.D. Saldanha, Associate Chemistry Professor, St. Philomena's College, welcomed. Ronald Prakash Cutinha, IQAC Co-ordinator of the College, proposed a vote of thanks.

Skill training programmes at RUDSETI

Mysuru, Nov.11 (KS)- RUDSETI, Mysuru, has proposed to conduct the following skill training programmes on residential basis for youths in the age group of 18 to 45 years and residents of Mysuru, Mandya and Chamarajanagar districts.

Training will be given in Candle making for women (10 days), Tourist guides (10 days), Two-wheeler mechanic (30 days) and Beauty saloon for men (30 days).

No formal education is required to undergo training which will be provided free of cost with free boarding and lodging facilities. Those interested can mail their resumes to: *mysoremudra@rediffmail.com*

For details, contact The Director, RUDSET Institute, Hinkal Main Road, Hinkal or call Ph: 0821-2519663 or Mob: 88845-54510, according to a press release.

Chamarajanagar-KSR Bengaluru Passenger Train timing revised

Mysuru, Nov.11- South Western Railway (SWR) has decided to revise the timing of Train No.56281 Chamarajanagar to KSR Bengaluru passenger with effect from Nov.10. The scheduled departure from Chamarajanagar is revised to 07.15 hrs from the existing time of 07.00hrs and en-route the train reaches Mysuru at 09.05 hrs as per the existing schedule time of arrival. The train timing between Mysuru and Bengaluru will remain unchanged, according to a press release from Dr. S.G. Yatish, Sr. Divisional Railway Manager and PRO.

VVCE gets 'A' Grade in NAAC accreditation

Mysuru, Nov.11 (KS)- Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering (VVCE), Mysuru, has obtained 'A' grade accreditation by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC).

NAAC accreditation has been made mandatory by the University Grants Commission (UGC).

In the first cycle of accreditation, among 110 affiliated institutions in India, only nine institutions have secured 'A' grade and one among them is VVCE. The accreditation result of this institution has been approved by the Standing Committee and after the assessment; the institution could secure 'A' grade positively.

Dr. Prabhakara Kori of Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU), VV Sangha President Gundappa Gowda, Secretary P. Vishwanath and Treasurer S.N. Lakshminarayana, Principal Dr. B. Sadashive Gowda have lauded the efforts of faculty members for this success.

Award winners at Natl. Conference

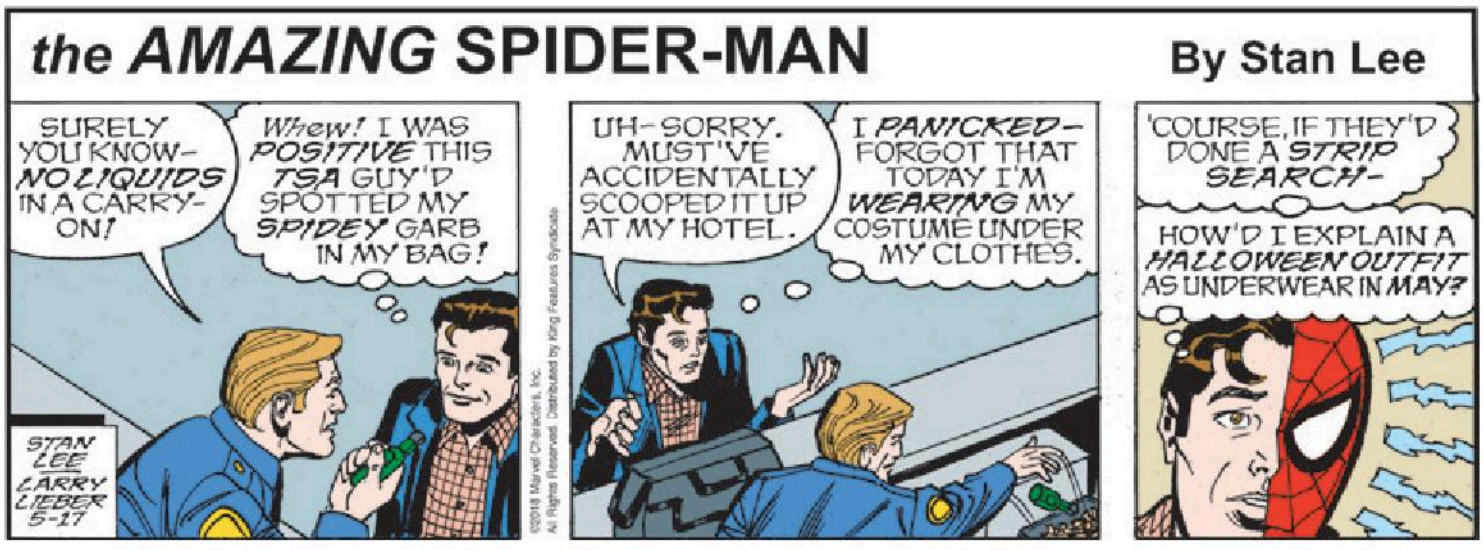
Dr. K.V. Reethika *Dr. Vanessa Lobo*

Mysuru, Nov.11- **Dr. M.S. Girish,** Reader, Department of Paedodontics and Preventive Dentistry, JSS Dental College & Hospital, Constituent College of JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research, Mysuru, was awarded 'Best Scientific Paper Award' for his presentation titled "Evaluation of osteoinductive properties of Apexification materials impregnated on Electrospun Polycaprolactone nanofibers: An In-vitro study," during the recently held 40th National Conference of Indian Society of Pedodontics and Preventive Dentistry at Nagpur.

Dr. M.S. Girish receiving the Best Scientific Paper Award.

The research was carried under the guidance of Dr. Dattatri Nagesha, former Head, Faculty of Life Sciences, JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research, Mysuru.

Dr. K.V. Reethika and **Dr. Vanessa Lobo,** Post Graduate students of the Department of Paedodontics and Preventive Dentistry, also won the Award of Best Poster. They presented the "Novel Paedodontic Oral Health Care Model" based on the research conducted on the paediatric oral health care delivery systems carried out under the guidance of Dr. Prashanth Sadashivamurthy.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NEWS BRIEFS

Last date extended

The last date to apply online for pre-matric scholarship through ssp.karnataka.gov.in for SC students has been extended till Nov.30. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2520910.

Scholarship

ST students can apply online to avail post-matric scholarship through National Scholarship Portal till Dec.31. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2427140 or 2411113.

Office shifted

The office of the District Surgeon functioning at Tilak Nagar has been shifted to the premises of the Epidemic Diseases Hospital on KRS Road in Metagalli. All correspondence now should be made at the new address.

Discourse on Gita

Vidwan N.K. Mukunda Rao will be delivering a discourse on 'Bhagavad Gita' at Sri Lakshmi Venkataramanaswamy Temple in V.V. Mohalla on every Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 6 pm to 7 pm. [Ph: 0821-2511106]

CIPET courses

The Central Institute of Plastics Engineering and Technology (CIPET), Hebbal Industrial Area in city, has invited applications from eligible unemployed students belonging to economically backward communities and backward classes for admission to various professional courses of duration ranging from 3 to 6 months. Students aged between 18 and 35 years and having qualification ranging from eighth standard to engineering degree (SSLC, ITI, Diploma etc.) are eligible to apply. Last date to apply is Nov.16. For details, log on www.cipet.gov.in or call: 0821-2510619 or 78999-86444.

Demonstration in B'luru on Nov.12

Seeking fulfilment of their demands, which primarily include cancellation of service contract tender issued for recruitment of sweepers and consideration of serving sweepers as 'D' group employees, sweepers working in the Police Department offices and at Police Stations, will stage a demonstration at Freedom Park in Bengaluru at 9 am on Nov.12. For details, call Mob: 96111-64459 or 87490-66914.

Matrimonial meet

JSS Vivaha Vedike will be conducting a matrimonial meet of prospective brides and grooms at Sri Shivaratri Rajendra Bhavan in JSS Hospital premises at 10 am on Nov.18. Only those who have registered will be allowed to take part. Interested prospective brides and grooms can register even on the day of the meet. For details, call Ph: 0821-2430322 or 96110-70674.

'It was my dream to build maternity hospital after demolishing Tulsidas Hospital'

Ex-MLA M.K. Somashekar slams MLA S.A. Ramdas for wrongly claiming publicity

Somashekar

Ramdas

Mysuru, Nov.11 (RKB&SR)- Hitting back at sitting Krishnaraja MLA S.A. Ramdas for wrongly claiming publicity regarding the construction of 100-bed maternity hospital after demolishing existing 69-year-old Seth Mohandas Tulsidas Hospital, former MLA M.K. Somashekar pooh-poohed his claims here yesterday.

Speaking to reporters at Pathrakartara Bhavan, he said that it was his dream to construct this 100-bed maternity hospital at a cost of Rs.20 crore but not as claimed by Ramdas.

He said that construction of this hospital was the brainchild of former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah."I, the then Deputy Commissioner of Mysuru C. Shikha, the then District Minister V. Sreenivasaprasad prepared the sketch for this maternity hospital, got sanctioned the project after sending the proposal to the State Government," he said.

He said that he laid the foundation stone for construction of this hospital on March 10, 2018. "Ramdas said this project was envisaged in 2012 when he was the District in-Charge and Medical Education Minister and he is now seeking false publicity for the programme he (Somashekar) had initiated," he said.

He also said that former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah had sanctioned more than Rs.5,000 crore exclusively for development of Mysuru city during his tenure. Indeed, the sitting MLA is re-inaugurating, continuing the programmes implemented by previous Congress Government which will continue till next year, but MLA Ramdas is claiming cheap publicity for the works initiated by him (Somashekar), he said.

He asked the MLA to stop lying to people and stop playing gimmicks in front of the people. He also accused that the sitting MLA has failed to come up with new programmes and schemes in the last six months after he was elected to the Assembly.

Corporators Gopi and Shobha, ex-Corporator Sunil, Krishnaraja Block Congress President Somashekar, Sridhar and H. Shekhar were present at the press meet.

Construction workers cold shouldered training: Asst. Labour Commissioner

Skill Development Prog. for Building Construction Workers

Mysuru, Nov.11- Assistant Commissioner for Labour Thammanna expressed his displeasure on construction workers for not actively participating in skill development training programmes.

He was speaking after distributing kits at the skill development training programme organised for registered building construction workers under Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Karmika Sahayahastha Scheme at Nirmithi Kendra in city on Friday.

The programme was organised jointly by Karnataka State Building Construction Workers Federation, Department of Labour, District Administration and Nirmithi Kendra for the benefit of construction labourers.

He said as many as 59,000 registered construction workers have been enrolled in the Department of Labour across the district and added: "The construction sector is witnessing rapid changes due to the advancement of technology and many other reasons. The construction labourers must upgrade their skills according to the latest development in the sector."

"The Department is conducting a lot of skill development training programmes for improvement of their efficiency following advancement in construction sector. Shockingly, the building construction workers are not evincing any interest in improving their skills. The Department have to please the labourers to attend the training camp. This mindset of the labourers had worried the officials of the Department," he said.

Thammana further said that the construction industry is second largest sector, after agriculture, that provided and created employment opportunities for people in the nation.

The Department has been arranging skill development training programme every month. Only 32 construction workers have undergone training in the first batch of training. The Department officials have to make all circuses to bring the construction workers to training in the second batch that commenced from Friday. The labourers must make use of the benefits provided by the government, he said.

Builders Association of India (BAI) office-bearer Subramanya, Mysuru Nirmthi Kendra Programme Director M.T. Manjunath, Engineer H.B. Satish, Labour Officer Geetha, Jayanna, Nikhil Chandra, UltraTech Cement representative M.R. Yogish and Yoga Instructor Sadashivananda were present during the programme.

Fifth National Kalaripayattu

Championship in city on Dec.29, 30

Mysuru, Nov.11 (RKB&KS)- The 5th National Kalaripayattu Championship, organised by the Karnataka Kalaripayattu Association under the aegis of Kalaripayattu Federation of India, will be held at Chamundi Vihar Stadium at Nazarbad in city on Dec.29 and 30.

Disclosing this at a press conference at Pathrakartara Bhavan here yesterday, Kalaripayattu Federation of India Assistant Secretary Dr. Shaji S. Kottian said that the earlier Championships were being held in Kerala and it is for the first time that the Championship is being held in Mysuru.

He further said that about 2,000 participants from 16 States across the country would be taking part in the Championship and added that food, accommodation and other facilities would be provided to the participants.

Dr. Manu B. Menon, who is organising the Championship in city, said that Kalaripayattu was one of the oldest martial art forms in the world and added that Bodhidharma, who is said to have pioneered Shaolin Kung Fu, had mastered Kalaripayattu before starting other martial art forms.

Interested persons with knowledge in any martial arts would be provided a month-long training before the commencement of the Championship, which would make them eligible to participate in the tourney.

The Kalaripayattu Championship includes various competitions such as Meyyirakkam, Kettukari, Cheruvadi, Otta, Dagger, Gada, Puliyankam, Spear etc.

Vijayan Gurukul, Ibrahim Gurukul, Mahadev, Rajiv and others were present at the press meet.

Ishapriya Tirtha Swami to be next Paryaya Peetha pontiff

Udupi, Nov. 11- Ishapriya Tirtha Swamiji, who was appointed as junior Seer of Admar Mutt by Vishvapriya Tirtha Swamiji of Admar Mutt in 2014, was yesterday declared the next pontiff of Paryaya Peetha of Udupi Sri Krishna Mutt.

Ishapriya Swamiji

The Admar senior Seer declared he would guide his junior in the next Paryaya. Vidyadheesha Tirtha Swamiji of Palimar Mutt is the current Paryaya Seer and the next term, in 2020, is for Admar Mutt Seer.

Vishvapriya Tirtha Swamiji said, "Ishapriya will be given complete responsibility of the Paryaya. I'm 60-years-old and need rest. He has been one of my best disciples. He's a religious scholar and has also taken up social responsibility. It's the right time for him to take up this responsibility. I'm sure he'll work for everyone's betterment."

Ishapriya said "The decision came as a surprise for me. Though I tried to convince him to continue, he wouldn't listen. I take it as a blessing from my guru and will take up the responsibility. I hope to meet his expectation. He'll guide me and I'll follow accordingly."

Paryaya is a religious ritual, taking place every alternate year at Sri Krishna Mutt.

The puja and administration of Krishna Mutt is distributed among Seers of Ashta Mutts established by Dvaita philosopher Madhwacharya.

Ramdas directs for addressing issues in MCC wards under K.R. Constituency

Mysuru, Nov.11 (YDS&DM)- Krishnaraja (KR) BJP MLA S.A. Ramdas has directed officials to address the issues in MCC wards falling under his Assembly Constituency.

Presiding over a review meeting at the MCC Old Council Hall on Friday, Ramdas instructed the MCC Commissioner and other concerned officials to submit a report upon completion of works.

Referring to the absence of a separate Bank account for maintaining MCC cess collection, Ramdas instructed for setting up of an exclusive cess account in the Bank and to prepare a by-law for each of the works being executed.

Referring to public complaints against Zone Revenue Inspector Shivakumar, the MLA directed the MCC Commissioner to initiate action as per Law against the said Revenue Inspector if the complaints against him were found to be true.

MCC Commissioner K.H. Jagadeesha, Corporators B.V. Manjunath, Shivakumar and others were present.

Trade Licence renewal: Former Mayor wants harassment of traders stopped

Loss of Rs. 8 crore to Rs. 10 crore to MCC; Corporation records show only 30,000 traders registered; there are nearly 1.5 lakh traders in city

Sandesh Swamy

Mysuru, Nov.11(NNN) - Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) officials are harassing the traders by deliberately delaying renewal of Trade Licences and demanding unnecessary documents, alleged former Mayor and BJP leader Sandesh Swamy.

He was addressing a press conference at a private hotel here last morning and said that the MCC officials and middlemen were creating problems to the traders as they were asking for documents that are not required for renewal.

He said that the Corporation was losing nearly Rs.8 to Rs.10 crore as the Corporation records showed that there were only about 30,000 traders while statistics revealed that there were about one lakh to 1.5 lakh small and medium traders in city.

According to Sandesh Swamy, it was decided at the MCC Council meeting some time back that for renewal of Trade Licence all that is required to be submitted is Khata and tax receipt. But the officials were harassing the traders to produce the documents that were submitted while they had applied for the new Trade Licence when they had started the business.

He also revealed that as most of the traders had GST Certificate (Goods and Service Tax), no other documents were required since it entails all the documents while it is issued.

Earlier, Trade Licence was being issued by Health Inspectors but now the Revenue Inspectors have been authorised to issue the licences and he charged that they were the ones who were harassing the traders.

He urged the Mysuru City Corporation authorities to stop harassing the traders and also to increase the revenue by including the remaining traders that come under MCC limits.

Seminar on Karnataka's History from Nov. 27

Mysuru, Nov. 11- The Centre of Excellence for Studies in Classical Kannada will be hosting a three-day State-level Seminar on 'Research on Karnataka history and the Latest development' at the Department of Studies in Kannada, Kuvempu University, Shankarghatta, Shivamogga, from Nov. 27 to 29.

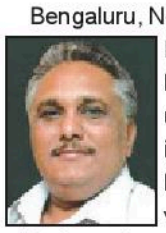
The participation is limited to 60 Kannada research students.

The seminar will cover 10 subjects which include Researches in Kannada Scriptures, Studies in Kannada History, Studies in Kannada Language and Linguistics, Modern Kannada Literature, Studies on Kannada Poets and their Works, The History of Kannada Novel Editing, Studies on Karnataka's Valued Heritage, Studies on Kannada Classical Literature, History of Kannada Literature and Multi-Disciplinary Platforms in Modern Kannada Research.

Interested research students can send their articles to be presented in the seminar, before Nov. 20, to CESCK, CIIL, opposite B.M. Hospital, Manasagangothri, Mysuru. There is no page limit for articles. For details, call Ph: 0821-2415306, 2345306, E-mail:cesck@ciil.org

G. Madhusudan urges CM to rename Nazarbad as Basavanatittu

Bengaluru, Nov.11 (KMS&KS)- BJP leader G. Madhusudan has urged for renaming Nazarbad in Mysuru as Basavanatittu.



Madhusudan

He said that Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has been renaming the cities there and urged the authorities to follow suit and rename Nazarbad as Basavanatittu.

Continuing, he said that Nazarbad, which is located next to Mysore Palace, was earlier known as Basavanatittu but Tipu Sultan changed the name during his rule which is mentioned in the pages of history and urged CM H.D. Kumaraswamy to rename Nazarbad.

Vinyas Technologies employees to take out padayatra to Bengaluru tomorrow

Mysuru, Nov.11- Accusing the management of harassment and injustice to them, employees of Vinyas Innovative Technologies (Pvt.) Ltd., Koorgalli Industrial in city under the banner of Mysuru District General Employees Union will take out a padayatra to Bengaluru from city tomorrow.

Artist Badal Nanjundaswamy will flag off the rally at Kote Anjaneyaswamy temple at the Palace North Gate at 9 am tomorrow (Nov.12).

The padayatra will pass through Srirangapatna, Mandya, Maddur, Channapatna, Ramanagara and Bidadi to reach Bengaluru where they will present a memorandum to Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy seeking justice to them.

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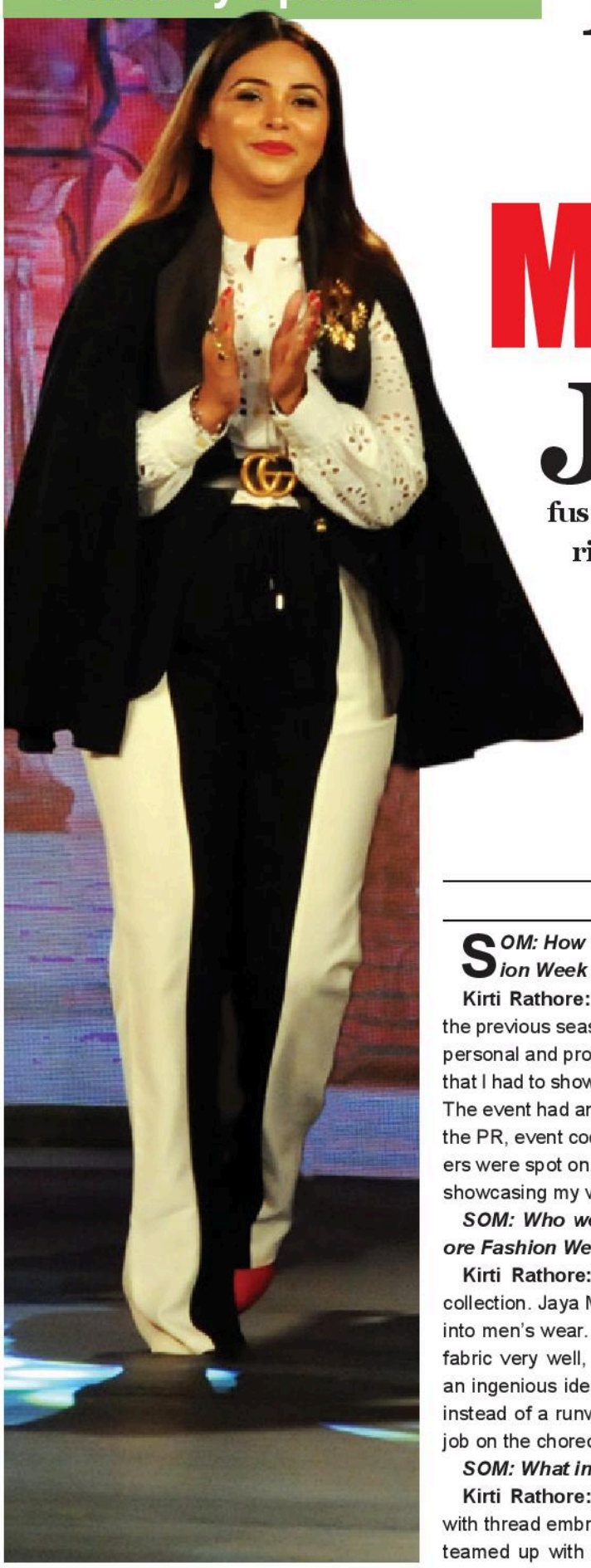
Celebrity Speak...



Kirti Rathore makes a big splash in Men's Fashion

Jaipur-based designer Kirti Rathore blew minds with her signature style at the 5th edition of *Mysore Fashion Week-2018* held at *The Windflower Resorts and Spa* recently. Men's wear that infused architectural shapes and idiosyncratic prints on luxurious fabrics made a big splash of vibrant colours.

'Rich, sophisticated and unique' is what comes to one's mind while describing the craft piece Kirti Rathore showcased at the *Mysore Fashion Week*. She is one of the few women designers in India working on men's wear and her offerings infuse a sense of boldness and fearlessness. *Star of Mysore* caught up with the versatile designer to get an insight into what inspires her creativity and gets her going every day...

By Kavitha Mhatre

SOM: How was your experience at the Mysore Fashion Week this year?

Kirti Rathore: It was a great experience. I was invited for the previous seasons but was unable to make it on account of personal and professional commitments. This year, I decided that I had to showcase my work at the *Mysore Fashion Week*. The event had an international feel to it. Everything right from the PR, event coordination, models and the choice of designers were spot on. It was a well-managed event and I enjoyed showcasing my work.

SOM: Who were your favourite designers at the Mysore Fashion Week?

Kirti Rathore: I liked Jaya Misra's work and Ken Fern's collection. Jaya Misra's work was interesting, as we both are into men's wear. Jayesh Maini's collection used the organza fabric very well, Ken's resort wear was brilliant and it was an ingenious idea to exhibit his designs at the amphitheatre instead of a runway. And as usual, Shakir Shaik did a great job on the choreography front.

SOM: What inspired the collection you presented?

Kirti Rathore: We used a line of kurtas and integrated it with thread embroidery for this occasion. Nehru jackets were teamed up with silk kurtas and zardosi work. Bangalore is known as the 'city of silk' and we wanted to showcase something to resonate with Karnataka's silk offerings. We used a lot of bold colours and my inspiration for that is definitely my home town Rajasthan, which is known for its vibrant hues and shades.

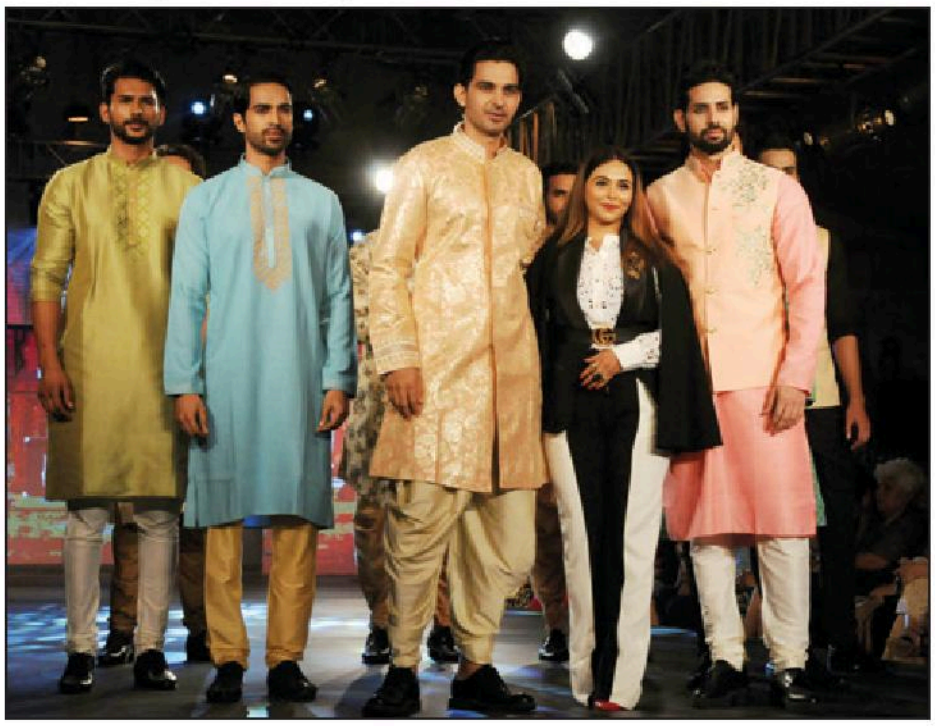
SOM: As a designer, what is the one fashion tip you would give to all the fashionistas out there?

Kirti Rathore: I would say, 'Just follow your heart... your inner voice.' With style, what really matters is how you carry yourself. Focus on that. Style is not about expensive tags. A simple outfit can look great when accessorised well and carried off with great attitude.

SOM: What does the future look like for you? What are your focus areas from a professional standpoint?

Kirti Rathore: We are coming up with stores in Toronto and New Jersey. Exploring international markets is an area of primary focus for me now. We are also working on instituting a School of Design, which will be called 'The Kirti Rathore School of Design.'

The institute will offer extensive diploma courses in fashion and design and will serve as a gateway for students who aspire to get into renowned design institutes in Paris, Milan and other fashion destinations of the world. We have just finished formalising a partnership with The New York School of Design in this regard.



Men, dressed in outfits designed by Jaipur-based designer Kirti Rathore, walk the ramp on Day-2 of the Mysore Fashion Week Season 5 held at The Windflower Resorts and Spa on Maharanapratap Road in Nazarbad, Mysuru, Nov.3. Picture right shows the designer with the models.

Night-long folk event gets good response

- Folk artistes dance and sing praising folk heroes Manteswamy and Male Madeshwara
- Audience served with snacks, beverages at regular intervals to keep them awake

Folk artistes perform last evening at Kalamandira. Picture right shows a section of the audience under illuminated ambience.

Mysuru, Nov.11(SBD&SR)- A night-long traditional folk music programme organised for the first time at Kalamandira in city last night by Department of Kannada and Culture on local folk heroes Manteswamy and Male Madeshwara — popularly called 'Dharage Doddavaru' among local people — drew huge response from the public. The programme which began around 8 pm, concluded this morning.

People of several of walks of life of all ages who arrived from various villages of Mysuru, Mandya and Chamarajanagar districts apart from local residents enjoyed the overnight programme.

The programme was organised with the main intention of creating a platform for native folk singers besides spreading the philosophy of these folk heroes and protect folk art. It was an attempt to reintroduce urban people to their rural beginnings.

The music programme began with the Jugal-Bandi of Male Madeshwara and Manteswamy history by noted folk singers Mysore Gururaj and Malavalli Mahadevaswamy. They and their folk teams captivated the audience with Kannada folk fame songs 'Chellidaru Malligeya Banasureri Mele', 'Madeshwara Barabarade' and 'Edagade Kandaya, Balagade Tamburi'.

The department had set up a makeshift platform for artistes and made seating arrangements at the entrance of main door of Kalamandira. A large number of people had occupied the seats and enjoyed the folk songs. In the midnight, the venue was shifted to Kalamandira auditorium inside due to cold weather.

The department had arranged snacks like chakkuli, kodubale, biscuits, tea and coffee for the audience every hour to keep them awake and enjoy the night-long event. It had also arranged holige, payasam, rice and sambar for dinner.

Performers who captured the attention of the gathering through their folk songs were Malavalli Mahadevaswamy and his team who regaled the crowd with life and history of Male Madeshwara, Doddagavi Basappa and his team on Rachappaji and Boppegowdanapurada Salu, Bannuru Kempamma and her team on Doddammathayi, Malavalli Mahadevaswamy on Alambadi Junjegowda, Kattepura Siddaraju and his team on Madivala Machappa, Mysuru Gururaj and his team on Bevinahatti Kalamma, Malavalli Mahadevaswamy and his team on Settiseraguraiah Salu , Malari Colony Channamadu and his team on Kempachari, Kailasamurthy and his team on Sankamma Salu and B.G. Kumar and his team on Siddappaji Salu.

To keep the audience awake, folk artistes, including women, also performed dance sequences and sung folk songs. The department officials bade farewell to all artistes after serving breakfast this morning.

Former MLA Balaraj, Director of Rangayana Bhagirathi Bai Kadam, folklore expert Dr. Sujatha, Director of Kannada and Culture Vishukumar, his wife Sujatha, Joint Director of Food and Civil Supplies Department Dr. K. Rameshwarappa, Assistant Director of Kannada and Culture H. Channappa, Akashawani artiste Narasimhamurthy, various folklore experts, artistes, students, members from academic circles, writers and journalists enjoyed the programme.

Neelagaras procession steals the show

A procession of Neelagaras (traditional folk singers) carrying 'Kandaya' reflecting the vast folklore history of Manteswamy, his followers Doddammathayi, Rachappaji, Channajamma and Siddappaji stole the show in city yesterday.

The Department of Kannada and Culture had organised the procession as part of overnight folk music programme from Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple till Kalamandira. More than 70 Neelagaras along with 300 folk artistes from districts of Mandya, Mysore and Chamarajanagar took part. Participation of Dollu Kunitha, Kamsaale, Nagari and Thamate in the procession was the other main attraction.

District Minister captivates audience with 'tatvapada'

Mysuru, Nov. 11- State Higher Education and Mysuru District Minister G.T. Devegowda who inaugurated the night-long folk music programme at Kalamandira yesterday entertained the audience by singing 'tatvapada'. He displayed his singing skills by singing 'Gurumutti Guruvagi, Arivonol Arivagi' bringing in an element of surprise among the participants.

Later he exhorted youths and people to make honest efforts for the promotion of folk arts, history that have been passed on from generation to generation. Folk art is facing a threat in the modern world, he added.

Raja Boppegowdanapurada Sri Manteswamy Mutt Dharmadhikari B.L. Prabhudevaraje Urs, MLA L. Nagendra, Socialist P. Mallesh, Urilinga Peddi Mutt's Jnanaprakash Swamiji, Writer P. Govindaiah, Joint Director of Kannada and Culture Department V.N. Mallikarjunaswami, and others were present.

Old private bus stand at Madikeri likely to be an open public space

Kodagu District Minister S.R. Mahesh proposes to construct a park with fountain to attract tourists

S.R. Mahesh

Madikeri, Nov.11 (PS&KS)- Taking note of suggestions made by *Star of Mysore* Editor-in-Chief K.B. Ganapathy in his column '*Choomantra,*' published in *Mysooru Mithra,* sister concern of *Star of Mysore* on Nov.1, Kodagu District Minister S.R. Mahesh, who is also the Tourism Minister held a meeting with officials to chalk out a plan to construct a tourist-friendly park and an attractive fountain at the place where old Madikeri Private Bus Stand existed. The Madikeri City Municipal Council has plans of constructing a commercial complex here.

In his '*Choomantra,*' Ganapathy had proposed the construction of a Public Square instead of building a commercial complex at this centrally-located place. He had said that a compound wall could be built around the open space and the area can be utilised for tourists and locals to take a small walk, sit and relax so that they can spend some quality time.

Taking note of the suggestions, S.R. Mahesh proposed similar ideas at a meeting attended by the DC, City Municipal Commissioner, Chairman and other officials. Mahesh said that it was not feasible to construct a commercial complex at the old private bus stand as the population of vehicles had increased which may result in parking issues and frequent traffic snarls.

"With all these problems, how is it possible to construct the commercial complex at the place which is already congested," he questioned. He instructed the officials to prepare a blue print for construction of a park and fountain.

The old private bus stand was constructed in 1936 by the British. The recent landslides and floods had resulted in a portion of the old private bus stand collapsing and the entire building was demolished later to avert further accidents. Now, the works on removing the foundation of the old building is under progress.

But before demolishing the old building, the City Municipal Council had prepared a blue print for the construction of commercial complex which met stiff resistance and the construction was opposed by many including from Madikeri Kodava Samaja President K.S. Devaiah, who suggested to leave the place empty.

In his article, K.B. Ganapathy had also mentioned about Trafalgar Square at the centre of London city and had mooted the idea of a Public Square at the old private bus stand space in honour of India's first and one and the only Commander-in-Chief Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa who is from Kodagu.

DC P.I. Sreevidya said that Minister Mahesh during the meeting discussed about preparing a plan for a tourist-friendly project at the old private bus stand. A final decision is yet to be taken in this regard. A meeting would be held in the coming days to decide about the plan, she said.

City Municipal Council President Kaveramma Somanna said, "At the meeting, Minister Mahesh has mentioned about the article written by Ganapathy in *Mysooru Mithra.* The Minister said that a meeting would be convened shortly to discuss about it."

'Social justice should be sought through right leaders'

Former CM Siddharamaiah addressing the gathering during the inauguration of the District Kayaka Samajagala Okkuta at Town Hall in city yesterday.

Mysuru, Nov.11 (MTY&US)- "The unorganised harassed working community should not be carried away by the crocodile tears shed by politicians with pretentious assurances," asserted former Chief Minister Siddharamaiah.

He was speaking at the inaugural function of the District Kayaka Samajagala Okkuta at Town Hall premises here yesterday.

Siddharamaiah asked the members of the Okkuta to be very cautious in any approach to seek social justice. He pointed out that BJP leaders change their stand on the Backward and oppressed class depending on their whims and fancies.

He opined that harassment and oppression of any strata of society could be avoided only if there is a equal distribution of power which could evolve a true socio-economic freedom.

Inaugurating the programme, Chitradurga Brihan Mutt Seer Sri Shivamurthy Murugarajendra Swamiji regretted that many people value money and not work which has been driving the society into a deplorable situation.

Sri Urilinga Peddi Mutt Seer Sri Jnanaprakasha Swamiji graced the occasion. Littérateur Dr. Chandrashekar Kambara, Okkuta President K.C. Puttasiddha Shetty, General Secretary Borappa Shetty, Treasurer Lakshmikanth and others were present.

Mysore Diocese felicitates meritorious students

Mysuru, Nov.11 (MK&US)- Mysore Diocese Educational Society (MDES) had organised a function at St. Philomena's College auditorium in Bannimantap here yesterday to felicitate 202 meritorious Catholic Christian students who had excelled at various levels from SSLC to Ph.D and also in vocational courses.

The students hailed from Mysuru, Mandya, Chamarajanagar and Kodagu districts.

Inaugurating the programme, Stany D'souza, Provincial of Karnataka Jesuit Province, opined that students should have set goals and added that hard-work with perseverance would always pay rich dividends. He advised the students not to be carried away by the awards but focus on learning more and becoming a responsible citizen.

Addressing the gathering, Mysuru Bishop Dr. K.V. William asked the students to bring a good name to their parents and the institutions.

Former Bishop Dr. Thomas Antony Vazhappilly, MDES Health and Education Division CEO Leslie Moras, Vicar General C. Royappa, Secretary Rev. Fr. Vijay Kumar, St. Philomena's College PG Centre Rector Bernad Prakash, St. Joseph's Educational Institutions CEO Mani Mathew and others were present during the occasion.

'Set up more number of plant clinics to help farmers'

One-day workshop on Botanical Diseases Detection and Plant Disease Management held in city

MLA S.A. Ramdas and Former Vice-Chancellor of University of Mysore Prof S.N. Hegde observing plants cells through microscope at a workshop on 'Detection of Botanical Diseases and Comprehensive Plant Disease Management' at M.A.S.V.S Gurukula Pre-University College at Kuvempunagar in city this morning.

Mysuru, Nov.11 (PM&SR)- Founder of Plant Clinic, Department of Botany, University of Mysore (UoM) Prof. S. Shankar Bhat has urged the policy makers of the nation to set up more number of plant clinics across the country as it would benefit the farmers besides ensuring food security needs to meet the demands of the growing population.

Delivering his keynote address at a one-day workshop on 'Detection of Botanical Diseases and Comprehensive Plant Disease Management' at M.A.S.V.S Gurukula Pre-University College at Kuvempunagar in city this morning, he said that agriculture was the main occupation of the nation and added that 70 per cent of the population still ekes out of their livelihood through agrarian related activities.

India has 86 per cent of small and marginal farmers, he said and bemoaned that there were less number of plant clinics in the country.

Continuing, he said that the nation was witnessing farm crisis despite tremendous progress in the areas of Science and Technology, agriculture and horticulture research achievements. A large number of distressed farmers continue to commit suicide upset over crop loss, climate change, crash in prices for farm produces and other reasons, he said.

However, setting up of huge number of plant clinics will help to detect and prevent many diseases threatening the plants besides suggesting corrective steps to farmers, he said and added that this measure will not only put an end to agrarian distress but would enhance crop yield and farmers' income.

Start five-year Integrated Course on Plant Medicine

Speaking on the occasion, former University of Mysore Vice-Chancellor Prof S.N. Hegde also regretted that India has more than 700 universities where a lot of research activities going on in many universities related to agriculture promotion activities and regretted that the benefits of this research were not reaching the farmers. The experts in Universities must take their research activities to the doorsteps of farmers to bail them out from crisis, he added.

He appreciated the Department of Botany for setting up a Plant Clinic besides reaching farmers and residents of city to find solutions for various plant diseases.

He also suggested the UoM to start five-year integrated course on plant medicine besides starting a Post-Graduate Diploma or Certificate course on Science and Technology in Ancient India, he said.

Inaugurating the workshop, MLA S.A. Ramdas also urged setting up of more Plant Clinics to help farmers besides encouraging farmers to take up organic farming. He said that the present system of usage of chemicals and fertilisers for production of crops was not only polluting the soil but was also causing health hazards among the people.

The workshop was organised jointly by the Plant Clinic, Department of Studies in Botany, Sri Raghavendra Gurukula Vidyapeetha and M.A.S.V.S Gurukula Pre-University College.

As many as 30 residents of city who are maintaining home gardens and terrace gardens attended the workshop.

Professor of Department of Studies in Botany Prof G.R. Janardhan, Director of M.A.S.V.S Gurukula Pre-University College Prof.G. Thimmappa, Principal Prof.B.D. Kannikar and others were present.

KSRTC drivers barred from carrying mobiles on duty

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The decision of banning mobile phones for drivers comes amid rising complaints from passengers against drivers using mobile phones while driving. Even videos of drivers watching movie while driving had gone viral.

"We have received several complaints from passengers that some drivers are making calls, browsing social media and watching videos. The drivers were also involved in violations like signal jumping. We have decided to enforce the rule from Nov. 15 and stringent action will be initiated against violators," said a senior BMTC official.

"Most drivers use mobile phones, especially when they are stuck in traffic. Some even check their phones while driving, claiming they are experienced to drive through city routes," he added.

Srinivas said that as soon as the drivers report to duty at the designated bus, they keep the mobile phones in the First Aid Box and open them only after they complete the route schedule. "We have teams to check if drivers are using mobile phones while driving and even ticket checking squads have been asked to keep an eye on drivers using mobile phones while driving," he said.

Conductors can carry mobile phones but they are not allowed to use them while on duty. In case of an emergency, the driver's family members can contact the conductor.

Two-wheeler mechanics told to upgrade their skills

District Association celebrates anniversary

Mysuru, Nov.11 (MTY&SR)- Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha has called upon two-wheeler mechanics to upgrade their skills according to the changing technology and development in the automobile industry sector.

Speaking after inaugurating the sixth anniversary of Mysuru District Two-Wheelers Association at Shikshakara Bhavan on T. Narsipur Road in city this morning, he said that the automobiles industry was witnessing a tremendous change due to advancement in Science and Technology and added that the automobile companies have been releasing new vehicles to the market every three months besides establishing their service stations. However, there is an urgent need for mechanics to hone their skills according the new inventions, the MP said.

He also assured to get the funds sanctioned from the Centre to improve the efficiency and skills of the mechanics.

MLA Tanveer Sait and District Minister G.T. Devegowda, who were also present, suggested mechanics to improve their skills as vehicle population was increasing every year. They also urged the association members to fight for facilities under various government schemes and provide proper education to their children, .

They said that the members of the association should not stop their children from going to schools and colleges due to financial issues and urged the mechanics to avail education loans to ensure that their children take up higher education.

Various lubricants manufacturers and automobile spare parts companies had set up stalls displaying their products at the venue.

BJP leader H.V. Rajeev, Association President S.K . Dinesh and others were present.

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Travelogue

Uzbekistan: The great Silk Route country -1

By Ashvini Ranjan

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The air hostess on the Uzbek Airways flight from Tashkent to New Delhi was kind enough to permit me to occupy an empty window seat. For her, it was a routine request from passengers. Little did she realise my burning curiosity to see the rugged landscape below of the famous Silk Road that criss-crossed Central Asia in the olden times. The morning sun cast shadows on the hills and valleys with almost no vegetation in sight from a height of more than 35,000 feet the aircraft was flying. How did our forbears travel this harsh terrain with temperatures soaring up to 50 degree celsius or more during the day and freezing cold in the nights? How did they carry the heavy loads of merchandise on camels and mules that was the only means of transport then across Taklamakhan Desert and the Hindukush Mountains? Not to forget, the Himalayan ranges further south.

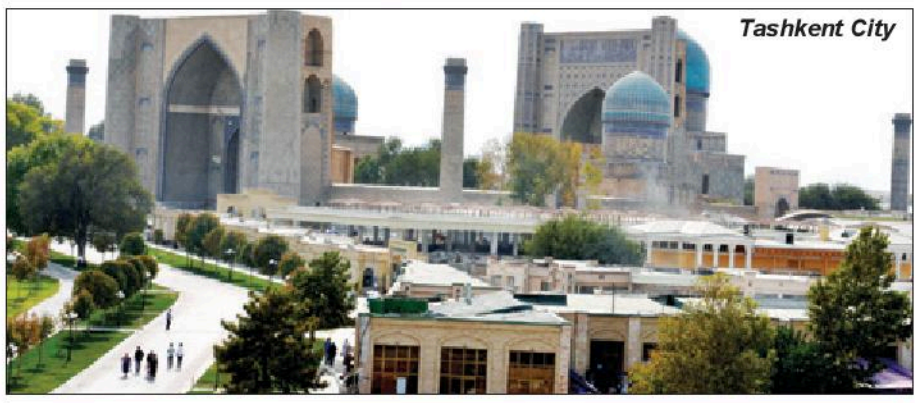
As per records, silk being a lighter item and in great demand, was a major item of trade between China in the East and Rome in the West — hence the name 'Silk Route'. What compelled conquerors like Alexander the Great, Chengis Khan and Timur the Lame to name a few, undertake such torturous journeys across these deserts and mountains to annex more territories? Was greed, pride and ego to amass more wealth so important to risk their own lives? The spectacular views of the landscape below, the stories I had heard from the sites we had just visited in Uzbekistan was too strong not to share with others.

When it was decided that we would travel to Uzbekistan, one of the major trading centres on the famous silk route for a visit, relatives and friends expressed surprise. Why Uzbekistan of all the places? Is it a safe country? Will you find vegetarian food? These were among the many questions posed.

One seldom encounters such questions if you were to travel to the West. Uzbekistan is a less travelled and less known country. The decision to travel to this part of the world was taken from a desire to see something different and less Westernised.

Needless to say, sufficient research spread over four months was made before a decision was made. Also thanks to the internet and the know-all "Google." A friend, who had served in the Indian Intelligence Service in this part of the globe, assured me that it was not only safe but also a place where Indians were welcome. True to his assurance, we were greeted both with a smile and a 'Namaste' wherever we went in Uzbekistan!

Hindu Kush Mountains as seen from the aircraft



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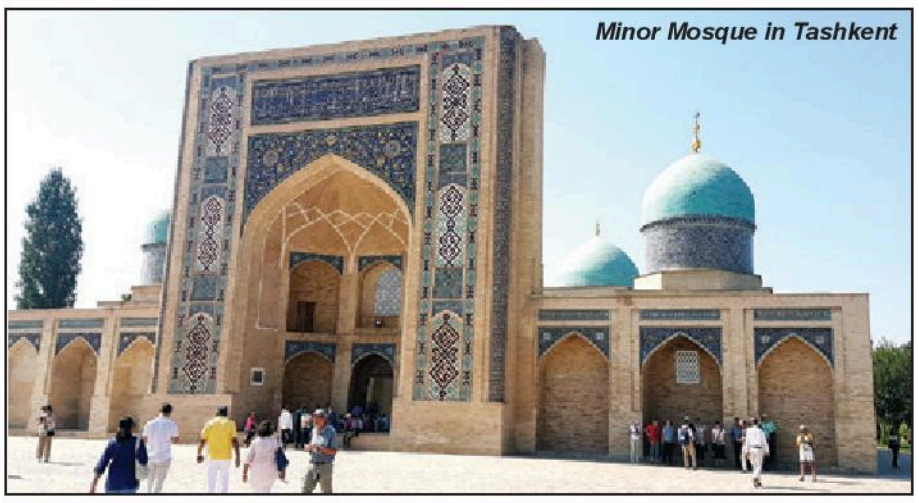


Minor Mosque in Tashkent

Tashkent, the capital of Uzbekistan, the largest city, was our first port of call. The flight which left New Delhi at 1 am landed at half-past three at Tashkent airport. However well-informed a traveller maybe and how well-planned the visit is to a new place, there is an element of anxiety — the biggest anxiety being about the designated person being present to receive us on arrival. What if he had overslept and did not show up?

The anxiety is even more when the language spoken locally is totally unknown to the visitor. As we wheeled the buggies with our luggage out of the airport, the young man carrying a placard with my name was a happy sight. "I am Akbar, your guide," he announced.

As we drove through the city of Tashkent towards our hotel, the streets were deserted at 4 am. Even at that hour, the decorative lights of the streets and buildings shone brightly. Our driver stopped at every traffic signal even though there was no traffic and did not move until the lights turned green. I was already beginning to like this place.

The first thing tourists do on arrival in a foreign country is to exchange the dollars to the local currency. The Indian rupee has not yet gained the status of universal acceptance. I can't help but recall that every time I travelled abroad, the value of the rupee dropped. During 1980, the first time I travelled abroad, I purchased the then scarce US dollar paying eight Indian rupees and I felt it was an unfair deal. Today, the value of the Indian rupee has plummeted almost ten times lower at seventy three rupees to a Dollar.

But I was in for a surprise here! A pleasant one at that!! The currency of Uzbekistan is called SOM. The exchange rate to a US dollar is 8250 SOMs!! Indian rupee though not accepted, is valued at 110 SOMs to a rupee. Restoring some pride to our desi legal tender. When I walked out of the bank after exchanging one hundred US dollars, I was holding a bundle of eight lakh twenty five thousand SOMs in my hand. It was certainly a good rich feeling!

It was a nice bright morning in Tashkent when we stepped out after a few hours of rest. The weather was similar to Mysuru in September and the lush greenery all round was pleasing. Akbar, our chirpy guide for the day, looked well and rested after the sleepless night to receive us at the airport. His English was grammatically correct, but spoke with a Russian accent.

By the time my fellow travellers assembled and ready to depart, I asked Akbar what he could tell me by way of introduction about his country. After a pause to understand my question, he accurately summarised in less than two minutes. If one were to narrate the story of Uzbekistan briefly he said, it is all about Mosques, Minarets, Madrasas and Mausoleums — structures that were built to honour the departed souls or to display their power and supremacy not only over their own citizens, but the rulers in the neighbouring countries. It is also about frequent wars, destructions of cities and rebuilding them again and again.

But to a visitor he said, each structure appears exceptionally well-maintained and in the process of reconstruction, the quality improved from ruler to ruler. It is only in old photographs or painting one gets to see the state of damage as a result of frequent conflicts. Needless to say that revenue from the Silk Route trade must have been a perennial source of income to fund such activity. Even more important, the slave labour of the times was put to good use.

[To be continued tomorrow]

City girl Dhanusha

An outstanding heptathlete

Mysuru, Nov.11 (MK&KS)- City girl M.R. Dhanusha's outstanding performance in Heptathlon, a contest made up of seven track and field combined events, has helped her shine in the Junior Division as National-level sportsperson.

The women's heptathlon event consists of 100-metre hurdles, high-jump, shot-put and 200-metre run on the first day; and the running long (broad) jump, javelin-throw, and 800-metre run on the second day.

Dhanusha has participated in 18 National-level events. In the 2016-17 National-level Federation Cup held at Coimbatore, Dhanusha bagged a gold medal and was selected to the Indian camp. She had also participated in the Asian Games held at Japan in the month of June and was placed eighth. This apart, she took part in the Dasara Sports Meet recently and bagged the first place in heptathlon and secured second spot in Long-Jump.

Heptathlon was included in Olympic Games in 1984 and one needs to prepare in all ways to contest in heptathlon as it includes seven sporting events.

Dhanusha is the second daughter of Manju and Rukmini couple of K.R. Nagar. Manju is an autorickshaw driver.

Dhanusha has the dream of representing India in the Olympic Games and is undergoing training at Sports Authority of India (SAI).

ACHIEVEMENTS

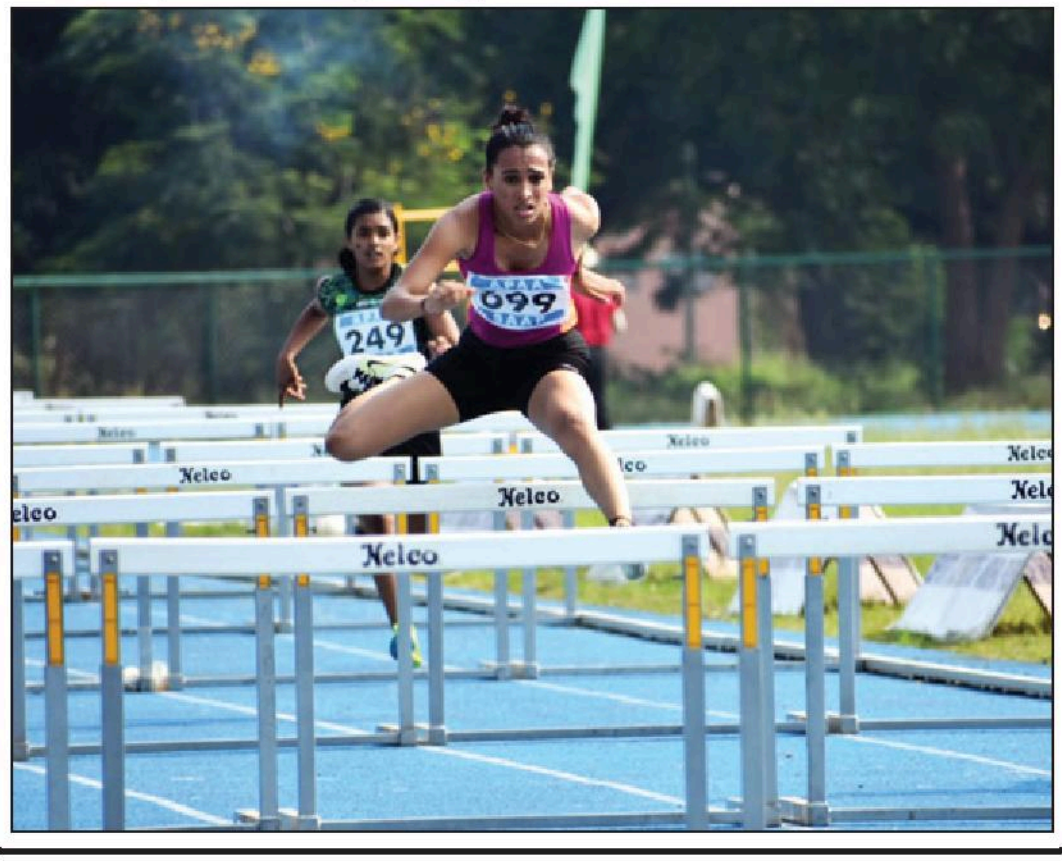
Since 2013, Dhanusha has participated in more than 18 National-level Sports Meets held at various States. During 2013-14, Dhanusha bagged the Silver Medal at a sports meet in Hyderabad and a Silver medal at the Athletics Meet in Gujarat.

In 2016-17, she bagged the Bronze medal at an event held in Pune. She bagged the Nandi Award given by Mysuru District Athletics Association for the year 2017-18. Dhanusha bagged the first place in the South Zone National-level Heptathlon and Relay Meet and third place in Long-Jump.

Dhanusha, who bagged the first place in heptathlon and Long-Jump at the Inter-University Sports Meet, is presently participating in the Junior National Athletics Meet being held at Ranchi.

> ***"I have the dream of getting a medal for the country in the Olympic Games. I wanted to achieve something special and hence I chose Hepthatlon. After undergoing rigorous training, I participated in the Asian Games in Japan, which has made me happy."*** —M.R. Dhanusha

> ***"M.R. Dhanusha is a talented athlete who has a dream of representing India in the Olympic Games and is undergoing rigorous training. She will definitely bring laurels to the country."*** —M. Puneeth, Coach



Under-15 Chess Tourney in city from Nov. 21

Mysuru, Nov.11 (RKB&US)- Mysore Chess Club has organised an All India Open Chess Tournament for U-15 children for the first time in city from Nov.21 to 25 at the Gymnastic Hall of University of Mysore (UoM).

Disclosing this at a press meet at Pathrakartara Bhavan here yesterday, Club Vice-President Nagendra Muralidhar said that the Tourney will be inaugurated on Nov.21 at 9.30 am by M.R. Jayaram, Founder-Member, M.S. Ramaiah Educational Institutions, with ZP CEO K. Jyoti as chief guest.

Continuing, Nagendra said that about 300 chess players from across the country would participate in the tourney which will carry a total prize money of Rs.2.5 lakh. The event will be held under eight categories each having nine rounds. Prizes will be given separately for boys and girls at the valedictory on Nov.25, he explained.

For registration, visit *www.mysorechessclub.com* or e-mail: *mysorechessclub17@gmail.com* [Mob: 98805-47121].

Medal-winning Karateka

Mysuru, Nov.11- **N. Madesh,** a student TTL College of Business Management, Saraswathipuram, has secured 3rd place in the U-67 kg category of the 2nd National Open Zendokai Karate Championship 2018 conducted by All India Zendokai Karate Association at SAI, SAG Centre Kokrajhar, BTC, Assam.

Bengaluru Open Challenger Tennis

Mysuru's Prajwal Dev, Vasisht go down in qualifiers

Bengaluru, Nov.11- Mysuru lads S.D. Prajwal Dev and C. Vasisht, taking part in the qualifying rounds in the Men's Singles event in the $1,50,000 Bengaluru Open Challenger, went down in the first round held at the KSLTA courts on Saturday.

Youseef Hossam (Egypt) beat Prajwal Dev 7-6 (3), 6-3, while Zizou Bergs (Bel) beat C. Vasisht 6-4, 6-3 to enter the second round in the qualifiers.

Meanwhile in the qualifying, five Indians V. Siddharth, V.M. Ranjeet, Arjun Khade, Sasikumar Mukund and Aryan Govveas advanced to the 2nd round.

Incidentally, Karnataka No.1 Suraj R. Prabodh from Mysuru, who earned a wild card for the Tournament by winning the wild card tourney, will take on 6th-seeded Frenchman and World No.145 Quentin Halys in main draw 1st round on Monday.

SPORTS EVENTS

CRICKET

Vijay Merchant Trophy U-16 Tourney 2018

18.11.2018 to 20.11.2018	Karnataka Vs Pondicherry at SDNR Wadiyar Grounds.
28.11.2018 to 1.12.2018	Ranji Trophy-Karnataka Vs Maharashtra at SDNR Wadiyar Grounds
17.11.18 and 18.11.18	KSCA Mysuru Zonal League-2018 at SJCE, PET (Mandya) Grounds.

CHESS

All India U-15 FIDE Rated Open Chess Tourney

21.11.2018 to 25.11.2018	Conducted by Mysore Chess Club at University Gymnasium Hall, Mysuru.

SPORTS QUIZ

1. What does the term SAFG stands for?
2. In which sport is the term 'Dressage' associated with?
3. The 'Thomas Cup' is associated with which sport?
4. Who is F1 driver who has taken the pole in the Brazilian Grand Prix at Sao Paulo?
5. Who is the Indian wrestler who is ranked No.1 in the World in the men's freestyle 65kg category?

1. South Asian Federation Games 2. Equestrian 3. Badminton
4. Sebastian Vettel 5. Bajrang Punia

Raja Marga continues to be city's eyesore

Thanks to encroachments of footpaths, Raja Marga becomes another conservancy lane

Mysuru, Nov.11 (SBD&NNN)- It was with great fanfare that the famous Dasara procession route, Sayyaji Rao Road, was given the moniker 'Raja Marga.' It is almost ten years now and nothing seems to have gone right with this ambitious project of the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC). But who is to bell the cat to solve the problems?

The first thing that attracts the people when they come to Mysuru is the wide roads designed by the visionary rulers. Sayyaji Rao Road is one of them which has its own significance. Realising this, the MCC no doubt decided to develop this road as 'Raja Marga' (Royal Path). Sadly, however, it has remained an eyesore from the time it has been conceived and there is nothing 'royal' about it.

The Raja Marga commences from Jayachamaraja Wadiyar Circle (Hardinge Circle) and ends at Bannimantap. With lakhs of tourists, both domestic and foreign visiting the city every year, the authorities planned to convert the entire path on which Dasara procession passes through, into a 'Raja Marga' also called Rajapatha.

From the beginning, due to one problem or the other, the work was delayed. After nearly six or seven years, most of the work was completed. However, within a few months, a few of the balustrades on the footpaths fell like a pack of cards either due to substandard works or due to destruction by the public.

The MCC had no choice but just to collect the rubble of the balustrades since it does not have funds to repair them again as it costs lakhs of rupees. Hence, this work has come to a standstill.

The works on the Raja Marga commenced in 2011 out of the Chief Minister's special grant for Mysuru, out of which Rs.16 crore was granted for the first phase of 'Raja Marga' works. Chhabria Associates, which secured the tender for the Raja Marga works, began executing the project in 2011.

The Raja Marga's footpaths were done up really well. However, more than it being used by the pedestrians, it has now become home for footpath vendors. Here, many varieties of products are sold. A few of the shopkeepers are also keeping their wares on the footpath.

This has become a place for tyre puncture fixing specialists, auto consultants' parking space and a few mechanics have also made it their own working place. As a result, the pedestrians are forced to walk on the roads.

Added to all this, is the total traffic chaos which makes life hell for anyone who dares come here for some work. In short, the Raja Marga has transformed itself into some small 'Galli' (conservancy or by-lane).

Vehicles galore: The parking right from K.R. Circle to Highway Circle is in total disarray. The Police have provided space for two-wheeler parking on the sides of the road. But instead of parking the vehicles in a line, many park them haphazardly.

The autorickshaws and other vehicles are also parked there. Many park the vehicles randomly and go to shops or inside the market. This results in problems for smooth flow of traffic. Also, the pedestrians, fearing for their lives, have to move in between the vehicles.

Vehicles are being parked indiscriminately near Devaraja Market and K.R. Hospital. A few in the four-wheelers, fearing the Police, usually have their drivers at the wheel and go leisurely for shopping. When the Police arrive, the drivers drive a little distance and once the Police Patrol vehicle moves, they return to their place. This also causes a lot of problems for other vehicles.

The whole road looks like an accident-waiting-to-happen zone. One hopes that the authorities will not wait for a major calamity to occur to wake up to the reality.

NEED TO FILE CASES

The haphazard parking on Sayyaji Rao Road has come to my notice also. I have been asking my officers to announce on the mike and cleared many vehicles. Those who park the vehicles, on seeing the Police, immediately move. So, there is a need for filing cases against such violators. More Police will be deployed and traffic flow smoothened.

— G.N. Mohan
ACP, City Traffic Police

BEAUTIFUL CONCRETE MEDIANS

Traffic control is the responsibility of the Police and if they require barricades and medians, the MCC can provide them. If the footpaths have been encroached, then it can be vacated. If there are complaints from the public then action can be taken. Because of Dasara, the barricades had been removed from K.R. Circle to Ayurveda Circle. Now, beautiful concrete medians will be put in its place.

—K.H. Jagadeesha
Commissioner, MCC

Stop portraying Ravana as demon, says IPS officer

Seminar on 'Preamble of the Constitution'

Mysuru, Nov.11 (PM&DM)- Claiming that there were many people in the country who worship Ravana, senior IPS officer Nanjundaswamy has called upon those who portray Ravana as a demon, to change their mindset.

He was speaking after inaugurating a seminar on 'Preamble of the Constitution' organised by Bharatha Moola Nivasigala Trust, in commemoration of Danava Chakravarthi, at Town Hall in city recently.

Maintaining that there were Ravana Temples across the country and many people worship Ravana, Nanjundaswamy demanded a ban on 'Ravana Dahana' and such other acts that were against Ravana. Pointing out that there were 40 lakh people in the State who worship Ravana, he said that Sri Ravaleshwara Temple at Choladahalli village in Malavalli taluk is one among many Ravana Temples in the State.

Noting that Ravana idol will be taken out in a Pallakki procession during Hasanamba Festival at Hassan, which is an indication that Ravana is a deity, Nanjundaswamy said, there were many such instances across the country, where Ravana was worshipped.

Stating that Dalit communities should try to understand their glorious past, he stressed on the need for Dalits to realise that Hoysalas, Pallavas, Satavahanas had all left behind a Dalit legacy, which should be taken forward now.

Writer H.S. Ramachandregowda, in his address, said that the original 'Ramayana' was based on the story that Rama had evicted local people.

Claiming that Saints and Munis spied for Rama, he said that eviction of native land owners was the essence of 'Ramayana.'

Denouncing Varnashrama Dharma, he said that this mindset has destroyed the culture of our land and there is an urgent need to change this mindset.

The Preamble of the Constitution was read out on the occasion.

Bengaluru Mahabodhi Mission's Bhante Buddhaprakasha graced the occasion.

Urilinga Peddi Mutt's Jnanaprakasha Swamiji, former Mayor Purushotham, former MLC K.C. Puttasiddashetty, writers Krishnamurthy Chamaram and Siddaswamy, DSS leader Hariharanandaswamy, leaders G.M. Gadkar & Dyavappa Nayaka were present.

Rotary Kannada Rajyotsava Awards conferred

Senior Kannada activist Mugur Nanjundaswamy, former District Kannada Sahitya Parishat President M. Chandrashekar and KSRTC conductor K.S. Thyaga Rao, who were conferred with 'Rotary Kannada Rajyotsava Award,' are seen with the dignitaries.

Mysuru, Nov.11 (SPN&DM)- Three Kannada activists were conferred 'Rotary Kannada Rajyotsava Award' at a programme organised by Rotary Mysuru North at Ideal Jawa Rotary auditorium on JLB Road here recently.

Former District Kannada Sahitya Parishat President M. Chandrashekar, senior Kannada activist Mugur Nanjundaswamy and KSRTC conductor K.S. Thyaga Rao were the ones who were conferred the award.

Speaking after receiving the award, M. Chandrashekar expressed concern over dwindling population of Kannada-speaking people in Bengaluru. Bemoaning that the love for English language has pervaded into rural areas as well, he said that love for English has threatened the very existence of Kannada language.

Rotary Mysuru North President M.K. Nanjaiah, Secretary S.H. Jagadish, Rtn. Virupaksha, Rtn. M. Raju, Rtn. Rajashekar Kadamba, Rtn. Lokanath, Rtn. Yashwanth and former District Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Maddikere Gopal were present.

National Women's Science Congress

'ISRO satellites have helped society'

UoM in-Charge VC Dr. Aisha M. Sheriff, SVAK Treasurer Y.S. Gayatri, Sanskrit University VC Dr. Padma Shekar, College Professor S.P. Umadevi and ISRO's Manned Spaceflight Programme Director Dr. V.R. Lalithambika are seen offering floral tributes to portraits of Marie Curie and Sir C.V. Raman during the inauguration of the 11th National Women's Science Congress at JSS Women's College in Saraswathipuram on Friday.

Mysuru, Nov.11 (RKB&US)- "Satellite launched by Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) have helped the society a lot in the country," opined Dr. V.R. Lalithambika, Director, Manned Spaceflight Programme of ISRO.

She was speaking at the three-day 11th National Women's Science Congress organised by Swadeshi Vijnana Andolana Karnataka (SVAK) to commemorate the birth anniversaries of Marie Curie and Sir C.V. Raman at JSS Women's College in Saraswathipuram here on Friday.

Dr. Lalithambika proudly said that ISRO had developed technology in machine design, satellite launch and control with special reference to Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV). She said that independent access to satellite and communication technology had dramatically helped weather and disaster risk forecast helping in timely evacuation of people and also telemedicine.

She further said that ISRO Satellites had also helped to locate potential resources and check air quality. She pointed out that many science projects were headed by women and commended the organisers in coming out with an exclusive Women's Science Congress.

Addressing the gathering, Sanskrit University Vice-Chancellor Dr. Padma Shekar opined that Indian Civilisation has a rich tradition of Science and Technology covering basic science, mathematics, ayurveda, astrology and traditional medicine.

She pointed out that even the traditional drawing of rangoli has a mathematical touch and added that sprinkling of cow's urine in front of houses was good enough to keep away mosquitoes.

She regretted that the advent of modern technology had obscured the invaluable and simple traditional science.

The dignitaries offered floral tributes to portraits of Marie Curie and Sir C.V. Raman. The Marie Curie Women Science Award was conferred on Dr. Lalithambika.

Loans for women

Mysuru, Nov.11 (US)- Karnataka State Women Development Corporation (KSWDC) has invited applications from eligible women in the age group of 18 to 55 years to avail loans varying from Rs.1 lakh to Rs.3 lakh under 'Udyogini Scheme.'

Loans will also be given to Sthree Shakthi Groups for self-employment and entrepreneurship projects and for street vendors exclusively for women under BPL category.

Applications should be submitted before Nov.17 to KSWDC, 1st Floor, Sthree Shakthi Bhavan, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, Mysuru-17.

For details, contact Ph: 0821-2495432 or 2498031.

BABU'S BANTER

By M.V. Nagendra Babu

WILL STRIKE WITH DOUBLE FORCE IF SOVEREIGNTY CHALLENGED!
MOM!... I AM AFRAID... GUESS HE IS NOT MENTIONING TO US?!
GUESS TOO! SON.
MODI.
M.V. Nagendra Babu

WORD OF THE DAY

Sinew

Pronunciation: SIN-yoo

Meaning: Tendon; especially one dressed for use as a cord or thread; solid resilient strength; the chief supporting force : mainstay.

Origin: Many parts of the body have come to have figurative meanings in English. One can have an eye for interior design, for example, or lack the stomach for horror movies. Muscle, of course, can mean "strength," and so can sinew, a word for the tissue that ties muscle to bone—more commonly known as a tendon. For a while, sinew and nerve were used in a synonymous manner for both tendons and nerves, but the use of sinew in the sense of "nerve" is now obsolete, and nerve in the sense of "sinew" or "tendon" is now primarily found only in certain phrases such as "strain every nerve" (which implies making every possible effort). The use of sinew to mean "the chief supporting force" ties into its anatomical function as a stabilizing unit. Sinew derives via Middle English from Old English seono; it is also related to Old High German senawa ("sinew") and Sanskrit syati ("he binds").

Example: A thin line of sinew was the only unpleasant distraction.

THE ODD WORD

Hitchcock

An eel, split and then grilled or fried.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Stiffen the sinews

Meaning: Become resolute and purposeful.

Origin: From the celebrated 'Once more unto the breach' speech, from Shakespeare's Henry V, 1598:

"Once more unto the breach, dear friends, once more; Or close the wall up with our English dead. In peace there's nothing so becomes a man. As modest stillness and humility: But when the blast of war blows in our ears, Then imitate the action of the tiger; Stiffen the sinews, summon up the blood...."

Example: The play is a bracing attempt to stiffen the sinews of the English in a time of danger and deceit.

QUOTE BOX

Great minds discuss ideas; average minds discuss events; small minds discuss people. **—Eleanor Roosevelt**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve this rebus:

Answer: Crossroads.

SUDOKU

6			7	4				
			2		5	9		
	3					2	7	4
8					2	5		
		4				7		
		2	9					6
9	8	1					3	
		7	6		8			
				1	7			8

Answer to previous puzzle

3	7	4	2	1	8	9	6	5
8	9	2	5	3	6	7	1	4
1	5	6	7	9	4	2	3	8
7	3	5	4	8	1	6	2	9
6	4	1	3	2	9	8	5	7
2	8	9	6	7	5	3	4	1
4	1	7	9	6	2	5	8	3
5	6	3	8	4	7	1	9	2
9	2	8	1	5	3	4	7	6

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

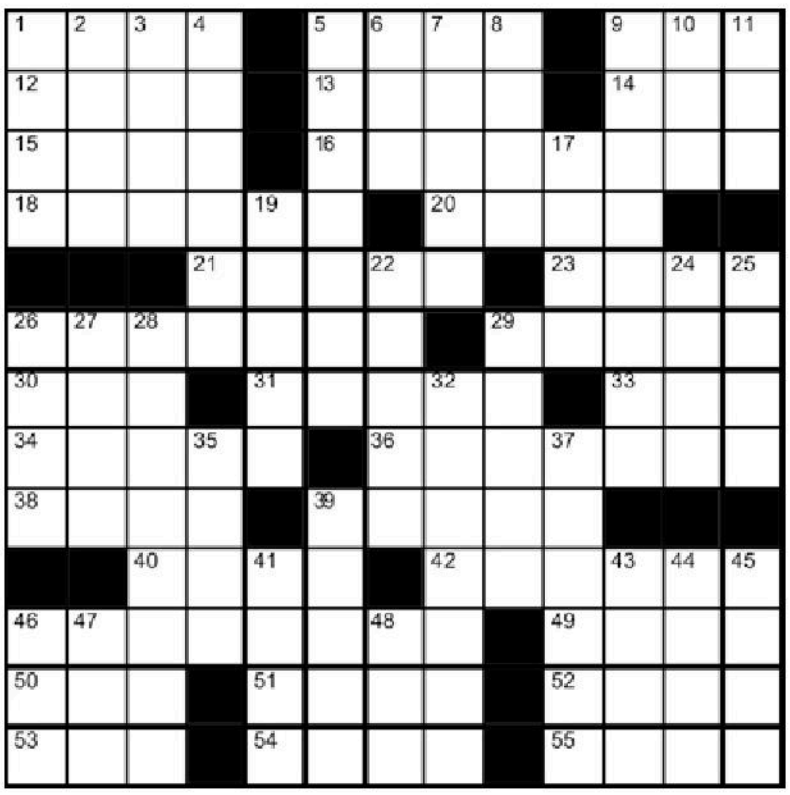
1 Care about, heed
5 Andean shrub
9 ___ up : invigorate?
12 Ex-England wicket keeper Knott
13 Bhajan maestro __ Jalota
14 Chopper or cutter?
15 ___ one's teeth : snarle; show one's deep anger, in a way?
16 The antiparticle of an electron
18 African antelope
20 Sullen expression
21 Sums owing
23 Columbus' ship
26 Sherry-type sweet wine
29 Strode to and fro
30 Have being
31 Copper coins
33 Zodiac sign
34 Pronounces the letters "s" and "z" imperfectly
36 Hose supporters
38 Countertenor voice
39 Famous American march composer
40 English river
42 Wax matches
46 Execute by strangulation
49 The girl with the little lamb?
50 __ up : exhaust with overwork?
51 The den of a wild beast
52 Mr Jaitley of the BJP
53 Short for 'manuscripts'
54 Hard to grasp
55 Write or enter

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER:

N	O	M	E	■	W	O	R	M	■	T	A	U
E	T	O	N	■	B	L	E	U	■	O	R	T
W	O	W	S	■	S	E	T	S	F	R	E	E
S	E	N	N	A	■	■	D	E	B	T	■	■
■	■	■	A	M	E	S	■	S	W	I	S	S
G	U	E	R	I	L	L	A	■	■	L	I	P
E	R	N	E	■	B	A	G	■	O	L	G	A
L	E	T	■	■	A	B	U	N	D	A	N	T
S	A	I	L	S	■	S	E	N	D	■	■	■
■	■	C	A	P	E	■	■	E	N	A	C	T
A	M	I	C	A	B	L	E	■	E	P	O	S
W	A	N	■	T	R	E	F	■	S	A	L	A
L	U	G	■	S	O	O	T	■	S	E	A	R

DOWN

1 Nobel Prize winning US physicist
2 Ancient kingdom - "male" anagram?
3 Freshwater fish
4 Works on dough
5 Skilled
6 Yoko ___ : wife of John Lennon, the Beatle?
7 Points at which two curves meet
8 Peruvian carrot
9 A small fragment or a portion
10 Outer as a prefix?
11 Commit to paper
17 "Aunt" disturbed by fish?
19 Jumps or springs forcefully
22 It takes two to _____?
24 Never, poetically contracted?
25 Bustles or fuss
26 Ms Sinha of days gone by
27 Seed coat?
28 Reinstates
29 Intrinsically - in Latin? (3,2)
32 "Vary cue" anagram for a South Indian river
35 ___ down : rain heavily?
37 Early Dutch navigator
39 Bristles - "tease" anagram?
41 Part of shoe or sock below foot?
43 Polynesian rootstock
44 In _ ___ : stagnant? (1,3)
45 Auld Lang ___ : days of long ago?
46 Resin - "mug" anagram?
47 Foolish animal?
48 The sesame plant or seed



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

VX MDBRQRLF OLFKRKCK LS Y GNVHBD YAVRMYCRLF LS

CGD RBBRVRCYHBD KNUDMRLM KURMRC EGL MDWDYBK

GRVKDBS RF CGD KBRQGC ADCYRBK ED YMD YHBD CL

UDMODRWD ERCG LNM SMYRB YFA SDDHBD VRFA

TODAY'S CLUE: C EQUALS T

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: The English have no respect for their language, and will not teach their children to speak it — George Bernard Shaw

NOW SHOWING

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
KANNADA			
Victory 2	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
The Villian	Lakshmi	2443584	4 Shows
	Skyline	2481170	4 Shows
	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
Manasina Mareyali	Prabha	2423569	4 Shows
Ayogya	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
Gvana Yajna	Olympia	2420737	4 Shows
Jagath Kiladi	Lido	2420885	4 Shows
HINDI			
Lupt	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows
Thugs of Hindostan	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows
	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows
TAMIL			
Sarkar	Mahadeshwara	9986022634	4 Shows
	Padma	2521923	4 Shows
	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows
-----	Uma	2520009	4 Shows
RENOVATION WORKS UNDERWAY			
Sri Maruthi (9980351129)			

DRC CINEMAS — Ph: 4240422, 4241800

Thugs of Hindostan (H)	(S-1) 10.20 am, 3.30 pm
	(S-2) 1.10 pm
	(S-4) 6.50 pm, 9.55 pm
The Grinch (E)	(S-1) 1.30 pm
	(S-3) 4.40 pm
Sarkar (Ta)	(S-1) 6.45 pm
	(S-2) 10.00 am, 4.25 pm, 9.55 pm
	(S-3) 1.30 pm
Badhaai Ho (H)	(S-2) 7.30 pm
The Villian (K)	(S-3) 10.10 am
Victory 2 (K)	(S-3) 6.45 pm, 9.50 pm
Manasina Mareyali (K)	(S-4) 10.20 am
Galli Bakery (K)	(S-4) 1.05 pm
Sa. Hi. Pra. Shale (K)	(S-4) 4.00 pm

INOX LIVE THE MOVIE — Ph: 2533444 / 2533456

Thugs of Hindostan (H)	(S-1) 9.50 am
	(S-2) 8.30 am, 11.40 am, 3 pm 6.25 pm, 9.50 pm
	(S-4) 5.45 pm, 9.05 pm
Sarkar (Ta)	(S-1) 8.35 am, 11.55 am, 3.15 pm, 6.35 pm, 9.55 pm
The Villian (K)	(S-4) 11.25 pm
Victory 2 (K)	(S-3) 4.30 pm, 9.40 pm
The Grinch (E)	(S-3) 7.35 pm
	(S-4) 9.30 am
MLA (K)	(S-4) 2.50 pm
Jagath Kiladi (K)	(S-3) 1.10 pm

PVR CINEMAS — www.pvrcinemas.com

Sarkar (Ta)	10.30 am, 2 pm, 5.30 pm, 9 pm
Victory 2 (K)	10.45 am, 4.20 pm
Thugs of Hindostan (H)	11.00 am, 11.30 am, 3 pm, 6.30 pm, 9 pm 10 pm
The Grinch (E)	2 pm, 7:30 pm
MLA (K)	2.30 pm
Jagath Kiladi (K)	5.40 pm
The Villain (K)	9.45 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

EVENTS TODAY (NOV. 11)

Ramsons Kala Pratishtana: 14th edition of Bombe Mane, Pratima Gallery, located above Aamrapali Sarees' Showroom, Nazarbad Main Road, **up to 7.30 pm.**

Samridhi Trust, Allanahalli: Fifth anniversary, former Minister C.H. Vijayashankar inaugurates, conferring of Vishwakarma Award by Vastu expert Satish Chauhan, Limerick writer Ratna Halappa Gowda presides, Dasthi Nursing College President Dr. D. Thimmaiah, National Human Rights Seva Samithi President S.M. Prasad and Dr. MGR Prasad of Chutuku Sahitya Parishat chief guests, Rotary Hall, JLB Road, **4 pm.**

Inner Wheel Club of Mysore Gold: Staging of street play to create awareness on women empowerment, Dufferin Clock Tower, **5 pm.**

Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha: Violin Duet by Lalgudi GJR Krishnan and Lalgudi Vijayalakshmi, accompanied by H.S. Sudheendra and G.S. Ramanujan on mridanga and ghata, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **5.30 pm.**

Haridasa Sangeetha Sahityotsava Samithi: 'Bhavasameera Sri Vadiraja Vaibhavam' Music Fest, Sode Vadiraja Mutt Seer Sri Vishwavallabha Theertha Sripadam inaugurates, **5.45 pm;** Jnana-Gana by Dr. Vijayeendracharya and Vidushi Sangeetha Katti, Sarada Vilas Centenary Hall, Krishnamurthypuram, **6 pm to 8 pm.**

Sri Nataraja Performing Arts Centre: Nrutya Sambhrama-2018, Samskara Bharati National Organising Joint Secretary P.R. Krishnamurthy inaugurates, Nrityagiri Performing Arts Centre Director Dr. Vidu. Kripa Phadke chief guest, Sri Nataraja Performing Arts Centre President M.K. Balaraj presides, felicitation to Vid. K. Taraka Ramudu (PRO in Sri Chitanya Techno School, Visually Challenged Bharatanatyam Exponent), Veene Seshanna Bhavan, Adichunchanagiri Road, Kuvempunagar, **6 pm.**

Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama: Swami Atmajnanandaji speaks on 'Viveka Choodamani,' Ashrama premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**

Natana School of Theatre Arts: Screening the Best Children's Film 'Gubbachigalu' (produced by B. Suresh and directed by Abhay Simha), School premises, Ramakrishnanagar, **6.30 pm.**

Rangayana: Staging of play 'Rex Hours - Dyno Yekangi Payana,' Vanaranga, Rangayana premises, **7 pm.**

Sanchalana Children's Theatre Festival

Shabari

Nayithippa

Sanchalana, Mysuru, Karnataka Nataka Academy and Department of Kannada and Culture: Sanchalana Children's Theatre Festival, staging of play **'Shabari'** by Sanchalana troupe and **'Nayithippa'** by students of JSS High School, Nachanahallipalya, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **6.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (NOV. 12)

Ramsons Kala Pratishtana: 14th edition of Bombe Mane, Pratima Gallery, located above Aamrapali Sarees' Showroom, Nazarbad Main Road, **10 am to 7.30 pm.**

Vijaya Vittalla Composite PU College, Saraswathipuram: Kannada Habba-2018, Dr. T.S. Purnima, poetess and Regional Director, Doordarshan (Prasar Bharti), Mysuru, chief guest, College auditorium, **10.30 am.**

Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO): Nidhi Aapke Nikat (Bhavishya Nidhi), Subscribers, **10.30 am to 1 pm;** Trade Unions and Employers Association, **10.30 am to 1 pm;** Employers and Exempted Establishments, Regional Office, EPF Organisation, 'Bhavisyanidhi Bhavan, 2nd Stage, Gayathripuram, **3 pm to 4 pm.**

Talent Research Foundation, Mangaluru: Inauguration and Merit Day of Kaushalya Karnataka's Skill Development Programme for the Job Role of General Duty Assistant and Home Health Aide, Minister R.V. Deshpande chief guest, MLA Tanveer Sait presides, Sir M.V. Hall, Institution of Engineers-India (IEI), JLB Road, **10.30 am.**

Kuvempu Study Chair, Kuvempu Institute of Kannada Studies (KIKS), University of Mysore (UoM): Special Lecture Programme, talk on 'Kuvempu avara Prabhanda Sahityadalli Malenada Samskrutika Anavarana' by Prof. C.P. Siddashrama, Visiting Professor, Kuvempu Study Chair, Prof. N.M. Talawar, Director, KIKS presides, KIKS premises, **12.30 pm.**

Talukina Venkanaiah Smaraka Granthamale, Karnataka Vichara Vedike, District Kannada Sahitya Parishat and Sahitya Kalakoota, Mysuru: Book release — 'Nadaprabhu Kempegowda' authored by Dr. Malali Vasanthakumar — by Tarini Chidananda (*Rashtrakavi* Kuvempu's daughter), former VC of Kuvempu University Dr. K. Chidanandagowda presides, scholar Dr. RaGow and poetess Dr. Latha Rajashekar chief guests, Institution of Engineers-India (IEI), JLB Road, **4.30 pm.**

Sanchalana, Mysuru, Karnataka Nataka Academy and Department of Kannada and Culture: Sanchalana Children's Theatre Festival, 'Gadiya Dweepagalu' by Mysore Mime Team and 'Chitrapata Ramayana' by Arivu Trust, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **6.30 pm.**

Haridasa Sangeetha Sahityotsava Samithi: 'Bhavasameera Sri Vadiraja Vaibhavam' Music Fest, Nada-Moda Jugalbandi by Dr. V. Venkateshacharya Kulkarni, Dr. Vijayeendracharya, V. Ananth Kulkarni and V. Raichur Seshagiridas, Sarada Vilas Centenary Hall, Krishnamurthypuram, **5 pm to 8 pm.**

SOM cartoonist for Alvas Cartoonsiri workshop at Moodbidri

Mysuru, Nov.11- As part of the Alvas' Annual Chitrasiri, which includes Cartoonsiri, a State-level cartoon workshop will be held at Moodbidri on Nov.12 and 13.

Star of Mysore (SOM) Cartoonist and Fulbrighter M.V. Nagendra Babu has been invited to take part in the cartoon workshop which will be attended by senior cartoonists from across the State.

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M.V. Nagendra Babu

Science Debate and Quiz contest

Mysuru, Nov.11- The second edition of QSCIEZA "QSCIENZA-2K18" — a festival of Science Debate and Quiz competition exclusively for X std. students is being held at BASE PU College, H.D. Kote Road, on Dec.2.

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